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According to press reports dated Cuttack, June 8, 1960, the Government of Orissa has confiscated and banned the circulation of all copies of the March issue of China Reconstructs, a propaganda magazine published in Peking. The publication was seized because it contained an anti-Indian article by the American expatriate, Anna Louise STRONG. According to Orissa authorities, the article "brings, or attempts to bring, into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the Government established by law in India."

There is no record that the particular issue of the magazine has been seized elsewhere. A few weeks ago, local police raided the quarters of the Communist-run National Book Agency in a search for copies of the magazine, but no official ban has been announced in Calcutta. In November, 1959, Calcutta police confiscated an issue of China Reconstructs containing a map in which large parts of India were shown as belonging to China.

As for the elderly Miss Strong, the reporting officer recalls that she has been intimately associated with Communist and Soviet causes for over a quarter century. She suffered temporary eclipse during Stalin's last spasm of senile violence, but was rehabilitated under his successors. She is now believed to have resided in Peking.

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